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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Reported temperatures for Pennsylvania last week clocked in with a high of 91(°F) and a low of 43(°F). Fields were abuzz with activity as sunny and dry weather prevailed throughout the state nearly all week. While weather has been ideal for fieldwork some areas could use a good rain to renew diminished topsoil moisture. Some corn and soybeans have also begun to show signs of heat stress. Field activities for the week included grain harvesting, haymaking, spraying, sowing cover crops, and clipping pastures.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 9, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	7	45	45	3
SUBSOIL	2	36	60	2

Crop Conditions as of August 9, 2015

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	3	39	58
CORN	0	6	19	36	39
HAY, ALFALFA	0	6	20	61	13
HAY, OTHER	7	9	17	56	11
OATS	2	4	17	58	19
PASTURE AND RANGE	5	12	44	26	13
PEACHES	1	0	3	37	59
POTATOES	0	1	62	34	3
SOYBEANS	0	6	17	57	20

Crop Progress as of August 9, 2015

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	13	5	13	22
CORN: SILKING	89	86	88	93
CORN: DOUGH	54	39	8	32
CORN: DENTED	9	5	<5	6
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	94	92	79	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	94	89	87	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	66	61	51	65
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	17	15	<5	6
HAY, OTHER: SECOND CUTTING	76	64	73	75
SOYBEANS: BLOOMING	87	81	88	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	78	72	61	N/A
OATS: COLORING	94	94	96	N/A
OATS: MATURE	84	79	73	89
OATS: HARVESTED	61	46	47	69
PEACHES: HARVESTED	36	26	30	55

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August 9, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	84	51	67	-3	0.46	2	22.25	+2.78	74	1680	+213	2857
	Erie	89	54	71	-2	0.01	1	14.85	-0.49	54	1883	+173	3049
	Franklin_AG	87	52	68	-3	0.00	0	21.39	+2.78	66	1821	+215	3015
	Meadville-Port	86	51	69	0	0.10	2	18.72	+1.68	57	1870	+389	3073
	Springboro	86	47	66	-4	0.04	1	18.66	+2.54	66	1540	+9	2683
	Titusville	85	49	68	-1	0.00	0	19.15	+0.97	47	1552	+189	2711
	Warren	86	51	67	-4	0.00	0	17.37	-0.63	66	1625	+97	2792
North Central	Bradford_Region	81	44	64	-3	0.05	1	17.70	-0.49	66	1459	+276	2592
	Coudersport_1SW	82	47	63	-3	0.32	1	21.99	+4.29	68	1378	+126	2486
	Kane	82	49	65	+2	0.20	2	18.72	+0.32	70	1445	+407	2556
	Laporte	79	50	65	-4	0.00	0	21.00	+5.22	71	1463	+125	2591
	Lock_Haven	89	53	71	-1	0.01	1	18.23	+1.09	54	2008	+291	3221
	Oswayo	83	43	63	-4	0.00	0	17.97	+1.11	67	1367	+158	2486
	Renovo	86	52	69	-3	0.04	1	18.60	+2.60	62	1882	+172	3088
	Ridgway	83	49	66	-2	0.15	1	24.53	+6.07	66	1566	+314	2721
	Stevenson_Dam	84	51	67	-5	0.04	1	22.79	+5.53	60	1648	+110	2817
	Towanda	84	52	68	-3	0.00	0	18.88	+4.67	59	1753	+185	2925
	Wellsboro	80	47	64	-3	0.00	0	19.33	+4.69	63	1418	+203	2554
	Williamsport_AP	89	54	72	0	0.00	0	19.46	+2.67	59	2191	+396	3415
Northeast	Hawley	88	48	67	-3	0.42	1	16.03	-0.56	51	1554	+197	2709
	Milanville	88	49	68	-1	0.03	1	15.16	-1.43	59	1650	+293	2800
	Susquehanna	84	51	67	-3	0.06	1	17.21	+0.33	62	1612	+164	2773
	Wilkes-Barre	88	55	72	0	0.14	1	14.75	-0.82	53	2163	+404	3381
West Central	Butler	84	52	67	-3	0.45	1	21.48	+3.88	65	1817	+296	3009
	New_Castle_Ag	91	53	70	-2	0.00	0	22.77	+6.47	64	2023	+334	3248
	Slippery_Rock	88	53	69	+2	0.00	0	20.73	+3.10	66	1957	+576	3167
Central	Altoona_AP	84	52	70	-3	0.41	1	18.24	+2.74	60	1996	+247	3215
	Du_Bois	84	50	69	-1	0.00	0	18.20	+0.72	65	1956	+482	3165
	Elizabethville	94	54	72	+1	0.32	1	18.16	+1.39	48	2150	+371	3383
	Lewistown	89	56	72	-2	0.73	1	18.90	+1.82	60	2120	+291	3355
	Middletown	90	62	76	+2	0.05	1	15.19	-0.82	48	2525	+391	3783
	Prince_Gallitzi	85	48	68	-2	0.34	2	18.77	+3.22	67	1851	+316	3048
	Selinsgrove_2S	89	54	71	-2	0.02	1	17.38	+0.61	55	2027	+248	3242
	State_College_P	83	51	69	-3	0.02	1	19.46	+3.82	68	1935	+248	3150
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	88	57	72	-1	0.32	1	16.11	-1.36	48	2278	+435	3513
	Lehighon	85	55	69	-2	0.26	2	20.22	+0.89	55	1872	+279	3080
	Mt_Pocono	82	49	67	+1	0.20	1	19.70	+1.03	54	1634	+454	2806
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	86	58	71	+1	0.78	1	21.54	+5.64	65	2235	+575	3482
	Chalk_Hill	84	56	69	+2	0.44	2	21.52	-0.34	75	1917	+437	3150
	Connellsville_A	86	57	71	-2	0.18	1	20.73	+2.51	72	2134	+350	3381
	Indiana_3SE	84	51	68	-4	0.35	1	23.37	+4.04	70	1795	+128	3008
	Meyersdale	80	51	65	-4	0.30	2	17.61	-0.01	67	1574	+169	2744
	Pittsburgh_Intl	87	58	72	-1	0.93	1	18.96	+3.08	54	2267	+422	3515
	Waynesburg	85	56	70	-2	0.03	1	18.17	+1.92	65	1991	+297	3217
South Central	Biglerville	90	59	73	0	0.34	1	21.33	+4.71	45	2276	+461	3525
	Everett	87	53	69	-3	0.36	2	17.41	+1.75	61	1735	+99	2928
	Hanover	88	58	73	-3	0.27	2	18.80	+4.62	52	2227	+120	3474
	Harrisburg_AP	90	59	75	0	0.00	0	18.87	+2.86	44	2434	+300	3684
	South_Mountain	88	54	70	-4	0.29	2	19.63	+1.07	56	1842	-120	3049
Southeast	York_AP	87	56	73	-2	0.03	1	19.95	+3.19	46	2236	+173	3472
	Doylestown_AG	90	59	74	-3	0.38	2	13.10	-5.17	43	2247	+46	3484
	Green_Lane	89	58	73	+1	0.08	1	13.08	-3.81	41	2214	+378	3453
	Hamburg	86	58	72	-2	1.17	1	21.68	+3.04	50	2155	+236	3384
	Lancaster_AP	88	58	73	-2	0.09	1	15.12	-1.81	46	2245	+256	3486
	Neshaminy_Falls	89	57	73	-3	0.00	0	14.55	-5.15	43	2329	+300	3579
	New_Holland	89	61	75	+3	0.26	1	16.93	-1.49	50	2403	+603	3666
	Philadelphia_AP	93	68	80	+3	0.09	2	17.00	+0.79	43	2795	+482	4076
	Philadelphia_NE	93	63	78	+4	0.05	2	12.89	-6.81	44	2704	+675	3978
	Reading_AP	89	59	74	0	0.01	1	13.43	-4.21	43	2398	+378	3644
Sellersville	Sellersville	89	56	72	-3	0.62	1	16.05	-3.29	40	2057	+166	3277
	West_Chester	90	56	73	-2	0.13	2	16.60	-1.63	49	2238	+213	3464

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy Behney

Adams County has had nice weather all week. Beginning of week morning temperatures were still in 70's with daytime high 80's and sunny. Tuesday morning early 4 am southern Adams around State/County line had some hail, heavy winds and some rain and the rest of county had about 1/4 inch of rainfall. Wednesday thru Friday morning temperatures 60's and high 70's daytime. Thursday as day went on cloudier and some light rainfall to dampen the ground early evening but no accumulation. Today started out cloudy and nice morning temperature. We are kind of dry and could use a little rainfall to help the crops continue to mature. Corn and soybeans are looking fairly decent but corn still has different stages within the same field across the county. Hay continues to be made when weather permitting. Some dry hay and some wet hay and then wrapped. Oats is about ready to harvest. Some soil preparation has begun so producers can do new seedings and also to get ready for small grain to be planted in September. Fruit crops are looking pretty decent. Early apples are being harvested. Peaches are into being harvested and readily available to be enjoyed by all. Vegetables continue to be harvested and doing well. Overall the producers are keeping busy with fieldwork. They are hoping their crops have decent yields but time will tell on most of them yet.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Fresh apple harvest will start this week beginning with Gingergolds. Apples continue to size well. Peach harvest has moved into a slightly less intense pressure as variety development has slowed. Size, color, and flavor attributes are excellent. The fruit area could use some moisture.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr

Excellent week to get hay made. Corn silage harvest has begun with short season varieties. Looks like there will be a generous supply of silage leaving plenty of dry corn available in the county.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Good field work conditions. We could use some showers for top soil moisture.

COLUMBIA County, John O Yocum

Need rain-crops still recovering at night, but more showing wilting during the day.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

The crops could use a good soaking rain; corn and soybeans on the lighter soils is suffering severely and the alfalfa is going to be very short for the third and fourth cuttings. Main activities for the week were grain harvesting, haymaking, spraying, sowing cover crops, and clipping pastures

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Corn is a little shorter than average given wet conditions, but majority of corn is in tassel and starting to grow ears. With some rain in the forecast, it should give the corn the boost it needs to finish out strong.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

A week with little or no rain and high temperatures caused the corn to show some signs of stress. Some hay fields appear brown. Alfalfa and hay was mowed.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

Our local weather station at the Youngstown (Ohio) Airport is reporting only 0.07 inches of rainfall since July 20, 2015. We have had only two days of 90 degrees plus for the entire summer. It is extremely dry and the area crops are showing the signs of stress. The past week was busy with hay harvesting - some second and some third cutting - below average yields of hay. Our area received are first shipment of peaches from southeastern PA - since Mercer County has very few peach trees.